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COMMUNITY CRIME PREVENTION MEETING

Crime Prevention Unit

Wednesday

October 17, 2007 @ 7:00 P.M.

**Long Beach Water Department
1800 East Wardlow Road
(West of Cherry Avenue)**

The National Crime Prevention Council designated October as Crime Prevention Month. Every year since then, government agencies, civic groups, schools, businesses, and youth organizations have reached out to educate the public, showcase their accomplishments, and explore new partnerships during this special month. In essence, October has become the official month for recognizing and celebrating the practice of crime prevention, while promoting awareness of important issues such as victimization, volunteerism, and creating safer, more caring communities.

Please join us for an informative evening at this month's Community Crime Prevention meeting. For more information, call the Community Relations Division at (562) 570-7215.

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October is Crime Prevention Month and each of us must commit to working on at least three levels, family, neighborhood, or community to drive violence and drugs from our community. It is also a time to honor individuals who have accepted personal responsibility for

their neighborhoods, and groups who work for the community's common good. Crime prevention has the power to change all that. This year celebrate Crime Prevention Month by starting a Neighborhood Watch group in your neighborhood, holding a Neighborhood Watch meeting, or distributing fraud prevention materials to the elderly. When prevention becomes everybody's business, crime and fear no longer dominate our lives.



POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE



PARENTING CLASSES OFFERED AT NORTH P.A.L. FACILITY
 Detectives Rodney Donahue or Kim Pernell at 562-570-1664
 Youth Services Division

The Long Beach Police Athletic League is offering a series of courses to assist and educate parents on issues pertaining to their children. The course facilitators will include: doctors, certified parent educators, teachers and licensed marriage/family therapists. Parents who wish to promote a more peaceful home, build stronger communication with their children, establish a team-oriented family, and other positive parenting techniques are encouraged to attend.




Halloween Safety

Everyone wants to have a safe and happy Halloween for themselves and their children. Using safety tips and common sense can help you make the most of your Halloween season and make it as enjoyable for you and your children!

BEFORE HALLOWEEN:

- Plan costumes that are bright and reflective. Make sure that shoes fit well and that costumes are short enough to prevent tripping, entanglement or contact with flame.
- Secure emergency identification (name, address, phone number) discreetly within Halloween attire or on a bracelet.
- Think twice before using simulated knives, guns or swords. If such props must be used, be certain they do not appear authentic and are soft and flexible to prevent injury.
- Obtain flashlights with fresh batteries for all children and their escorts.
- Teach children their home phone number and to how call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number (562) 435-6711 from a cell phone, if they have an emergency or become lost. Remind them that 9-1-1 can be dialed free from any phone.

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Parenting Classes

Would you like:

- More peace at home?
- Stronger communication with your child?
- A connected team family?
- Chores done in a team atmosphere
- A positive technique of parenting


This may be the program for you!

A series of workshops and courses to assist and educate parents on issues pertaining to their children. These courses will be facilitated by doctors, certified parent educators, teachers & licensed marriage & family therapists.

Class Schedule
*There is a \$20.00 non-refundable materials fee.
 *Child care is provided for children ages 7 - 17

North PAL:
 2311 E. South Street, Long Beach, CA 90805
 *Teacher: Julie Barbour
 *Thursdays 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
 *Oct. 4 / Oct. 11 / Oct. 18 / Oct. 25 /
 Nov. 1 / Nov. 8 / Nov. 15

For more information please contact Detectives Donahue or Pernell at 562-570-1664 or visit www.longbeachPAL.org



Schedule of the next class:

North PAL Facility
2311 E. South St., Long Beach, CA 90805
Every Thursdays, Oct. 4 to Nov. 15, 2007
6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.
Facilitator: Julie Barbour

There is a \$20.00 non-refundable material fee (per couple) that will be charged. Childcare is also provided for children ages 7-17 while the class is in session. Registration is open until the first class meeting.

Free parental counseling is also available by appointment at Long Beach Police Youth Services Division (1957 Pacific Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90806) on Wednesday and Thursday nights with some Saturdays. A Spanish-speaking counselor is available, and appointments should be made by calling (562) 570-1425. A three-year grant from the U.S. Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention is sponsoring both programs.

For more information and registration, please contact Police Athletic League Detectives Rodney Donahue or Kimberly Pernell at (562) 570-1664. Information may also be found at www.longbeachPAL.org.



Halloween Safety

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WHEN TRICK-OR-TREATING:

1. Be sure your child's activities are age-appropriate.
2. All children should be accompanied by an adult.
3. Only visit homes that are well lit and never go into a stranger's house.
4. Stay on the sidewalk and only cross at corners.
5. Stay in well populated areas and never cut through alleys or parks.
6. Apply reflective tape to your child's costume or use glow sticks for better visibility.
7. Use face paint rather than masks that may block your child's vision.
8. Map out your route ahead of time and carry a flash light with you.
9. Ensure the tips of any props (pitch fork, sword, etc.) your child is carrying are smooth.
10. Be cautious of animals.
11. Inspect your child's candy before allowing them to eat it.
12. Program the Long Beach Police Department's Communications Center phone number, (562) 435-9711, into your cellular phone and report any suspicious or illegal activity.
13. Reminder: The curfew law in the City of Long Beach prohibits anyone 17-years or younger from being out past 10:00 p.m. without a parent/guardian, unless going to or returning home from work or an organized event supervised by an adult, without any detour or stop.



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Human Dignity Program

DIVERSITY IS OUR STRENGTH

In October, the City of Long Beach, California celebrates that strength during Cultural Diversity Month. The City's Human Dignity Program, in collaboration with other community entities, encourages others to join in celebrating the different experiences, traditions and creative talents within our richly diverse community. The month-long celebration provides opportunities to learn from our differences and build a stronger community based on our commonalities.

Everyone is also encouraged to wear a purple ribbon throughout the month. Purple, being a beautiful, strong, and rich color, is representative of diversity.

Cultural Diversity encompasses not just racial diversity, but also the diversity represented by identities of nationality, religion/faith, sexual orientation, gender and disability status. Though we are surrounded by diversity on a daily basis, October is set aside as a special time to reflect on elements of cultural diversity.



The October calendar this year includes the kickoff of the Cultural Diversity Art Exhibit
At the "First Fridays Long Beach" event
October 5, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

This exhibit will be held in partnership with the Press Telegram
throughout the month of October
Tuesday-Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Oasis Gallery inside Chroma Glass Designs
4242 Atlantic Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90807
562-424-6052

Learn more at <http://dignity.longbeach.gov>



POSTAL INSPECTOR COMMUNITY CRIME PREVENTION MEETING

On September 19, 2007, The Long Beach Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit hosted its monthly Community Crime Prevention Meeting. This month's topic was U.S. Postal Inspection Service. The U.S. Postal Inspection Service is one of our country's oldest federal law enforcement agencies. There are almost 2000 Postal Inspectors stationed throughout the United States. They provide assurance to postal customers of the "sanctity of the seal" in transmitting correspondence and messages. U.S. Postal Inspection Service is the federal law enforcement and security arm for the U.S. Postal Service. Postal Inspectors carry firearms, make arrests, and serve federal search warrants and subpoenas.

All Americans have the right to mail and receive mail with the expectation that it will not be tampered with or stolen and they have the right to be protected from mail fraud and other mail-related criminal activities. These rights are upheld with the help of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service. Postal Inspectors deal with mail fraud, mail theft, identity theft, mail bombs, mailing of unsolicited sexually oriented advertising, and other mail crimes. Just like the City of Long Beach needs Police Officers; the U.S. Postal Service needs Postal Inspectors.

For further information you can visit their website at www.usps.com/postalinspectors or call their toll-free number 1-877-876-2455.

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